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2014 New Jersey Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in New Jersey for 2014 is estimated at 9,100, unchanged from 2013, according to Bruce Eklund, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New Jersey Field Office. Total land in farms, at 720 thousand acres, was also unchanged from 2013. The average farm size for 2014 is 79 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Farm numbers and land in farms are differentiated by six economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these six sales classes by summing the sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000. Producers were asked during the 2014 mid-year surveys to report the value of sales based on production during the 2013 calendar year.

New Jersey Highlights

Changes in the number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 5,600 farms, unchanged
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 2,350 farms.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 450 farms.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 270 farms.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 210 farms, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 220 farms, unchanged.

Farmland changes by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 160 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 160 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 80 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 90 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 80 thousand acres, unchanged.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 150 thousand acres, unchanged.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 29 acres
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 68 acres
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: 178 acres
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: 333 acres
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: 381 acres
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 682 acres

The complete Farms and Land in Farms report is available online at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/FarmLandIn/FarmLandIn-02-19-2015.pdf>.

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